

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (cancelled).

Claim 2 (cancelled).

Claim 3 (cancelled).

Claim 4 (cancelled).

Claim 5 (cancelled).

Claim 6 (cancelled).

Claim 7 (cancelled).

Claim 8 (cancelled).

Claim 9 (cancelled).

Claim 10 (currently amended). A nonwoven cleaning laminate, comprising:

- a. an abrasive nonwoven fabric layer formed from coarse denier meltblown filaments exhibiting an average diameter greater than about 25 micrometers; and
- b. an absorbent nonwoven fabric layer formed from bonded staple length fibers, wherein said absorbent nonwoven fabric layer exhibits a difference in coefficient of friction of at least 10% as compared to the abrasive layer;
- c. wherein said abrasive nonwoven fabric layer and said absorbent nonwoven fabric layer are joined together in a face to face juxtaposition so as to exhibit thermal bonded regions and that surround unbonded pillow regions in the laminate;

d. wherein said un-bonded regions have an abrasive nonwoven fabric layer to absorbent nonwoven fabric layer contact surface area of between about 0.5 square inches and 12 square inches, said difference in coefficient of friction inducing slippage between said abrasive fabric layer and said absorbent fabric layer to allow said layers to shift and distort against one another.

Claim 11 (previously presented). A nonwoven cleaning laminate in accordance with claim 10, wherein said unbonded pillow regions are each approximately 2.0 square inches.

Claim 12 (cancelled).

Claim 13 (previously presented). A nonwoven cleaning laminate in accordance with claim 10, wherein said absorbent nonwoven layer has an approximate basis weight of 2.0 ounce per square yard, and is formed from staple length polypropylene fibers.

Claim 14 (currently amended). A nonwoven cleaning laminate in accordance with claim [9] 20, wherein said abrasive and absorbent fabric layers are ultrasonically thermal bonded.

Claim 15 (new). A nonwoven cleaning laminate in accordance with claim 10, wherein said thermal bonded regions comprise 10 to 40 percent of overall surface area of said laminate.

Claim 16 (new). A nonwoven cleaning laminate in accordance with claim 10, wherein said unbonded pillow regions comprise diamond shapes.

Claim 17 (new). A nonwoven cleaning laminate in accordance with claim 10, wherein said thermal bonded regions comprise diamond profile shapes.

Claim 18 (new). A nonwoven cleaning laminate in accordance with claim 10, wherein said abrasive nonwoven fabric layer consists of spunbond meltblown polypropylene filaments.

Claim 19 (new). A nonwoven cleaning laminate in accordance with claim 10, wherein an absorbent nonwoven fabric layer consists of bond staple length polypropylene fibers.

Claim 20 (new). A nonwoven cleaning laminate, consisting of a two-layer construction wherein: a first layer thereof is an abrasive nonwoven fabric layer formed solely from coarse denier meltblown filaments consisting of synthetic filaments, and a second layer thereof is an absorbent nonwoven fabric layer formed solely from bonded staple length fibers consisting of synthetic fibers, wherein said absorbent nonwoven fabric layer exhibits a difference in coefficient of friction of at least 10% as compared to the abrasive layer, wherein said abrasive nonwoven fabric layer and said absorbent nonwoven fabric layer are joined together in a face to face juxtaposition so as to exhibit thermal bonded regions and unbonded pillow regions in the laminate, and wherein said un-bonded regions have an abrasive nonwoven fabric layer to absorbent nonwoven fabric layer contact surface area of between about 0.5 square inches and 12 square inches, said difference in coefficient of friction inducing slippage between said abrasive fabric layer and said absorbent fabric layer to allow said layers to shift and distort against one another.

Claim 21 (new). A nonwoven cleaning laminate in accordance with claim 20, wherein said thermal bonded regions surround the unbonded pillow regions in the laminate.

Claim 22 (new). A nonwoven cleaning laminate in accordance with claim 20, wherein said unbonded pillow regions are each approximately 2.0 square inches.

Claim 23 (new). A nonwoven cleaning laminate in accordance with claim 20, wherein said absorbent nonwoven layer has an approximate basis weight of 2.0 ounce per square yard, and is formed from staple length polypropylene fibers.

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Claim 24 (new). A nonwoven cleaning laminate in accordance with claim 20, wherein said thermal bonded regions comprise 10 to 40 percent of overall surface area of said laminate.

Claim 25 (new). A nonwoven cleaning laminate in accordance with claim 20, wherein said abrasive and absorbent fabric layers are ultrasonically thermal bonded.

Claim 26 (new). A nonwoven cleaning laminate in accordance with claim 20, wherein said abrasive nonwoven fabric layer consists of spunbond meltblown polypropylene filaments.

Claim 27 (new). A nonwoven cleaning laminate in accordance with claim 20, wherein an absorbent nonwoven fabric layer consists of bonded staple length polypropylene fibers.

Claim 28 (new). A nonwoven cleaning laminate in accordance with claim 20, wherein the coarse denier meltblown filaments exhibit an average diameter greater than about 25 micrometers.